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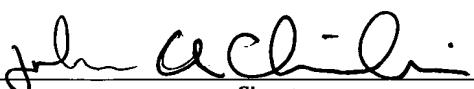
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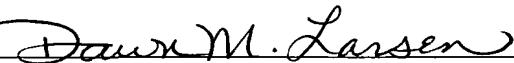
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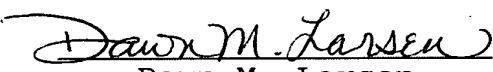
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

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